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FOR: A METHOD FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSPORT ACROSS
ADAPTABLE SEMI-PERMEABLE BARRIERS

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 10-34, 42-59, 62-65 and 70-101.

5. (amended) The method of claim 2 wherein said at least two substances differ by at least a factor of 10 in solubility in said polar liquid.

6. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said substances when in the form of homo-aggregates (for the more soluble substance) or of hetero-aggregates (for any combination of both said substances) have a preferred average diameter smaller than the diameter of homo-aggregates containing merely the less soluble substance.

7. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the more soluble substance tends to solubilise the droplet and the content of such substance is to up to 99 mol-% of solubilising concentration or else corresponds to up to 99 mol-% of the saturating concentration in the unsolubilised droplet.

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